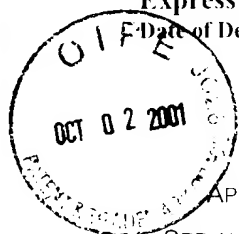


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PATENT APPLICATION

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APPLICANTS : Shimkets et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/775,482 EXAMINER : Not Yet Assigned  
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FOR : GROWTH FACTOR POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the June 26, 2001, Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before October 26, 2001. A check in the amount of \$200.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-577A CIP3 (CURA-77A CIP3). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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